

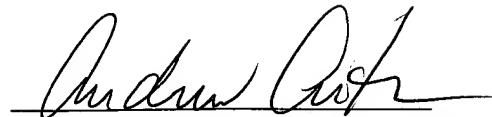
REMARKS

Please extend the time in which to respond to the Office Action dated February 23, 2005 one month up to and including June 23, 2005. Please charge the extension fee of \$60.00 for a small entity to our account no. 22-0261.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings because certain reference numbers are not included in the drawing and certain reference numerals in the drawings are not found in the specification. Proposed substitute drawings are enclosed herewith that address each of the examiner's concerns. A marked-up version showing the proposed changes is also enclosed. The Applicant has also made minor amendments to specification to address the Examiner's objections.

In the Office Action the Examiner has rejected all the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103 in view of the patent to Li et al and the patent to Phelan. Filed currently herewith is a declaration of Andrew C. Aitken pursuant to 37 CFR 1.131 that demonstrates that the applicants had conceived their invention by as early as May 2000 and, for the purposes herein, they rely upon a constructive reduction to practice that was secured by the provisional application filed on September 25, 2000. It is submitted that the declaration of Aitken demonstrates conception and diligence to the constructive reduction to practice date. Wherefore, the applicant swears behind the Li et al reference which has an effective date that could be as early as September 5, 2000 when the a provisional application was filed. Wherefore, because Li et al is not effective as a reference to this application, all grounds of rejection are traversed. If the case is otherwise in condition for allowance, a notice to that effect is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



Date: June 23, 2005

Andrew C. Aitken, Reg. No. 36,729
Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)
VENABLE LLP
P.O. Box 34385
Washington, D.C. 20043-9998
Telephone: (202) 334-4000
Telefax: (202) 334-8300

::ODMA\PCDOCS\DC2DOCS1\649396\1



Appln. No. 09/961,290
Amtd. Dated June 23, 2005
Reply to Office Action of Feb. 23, 2005
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

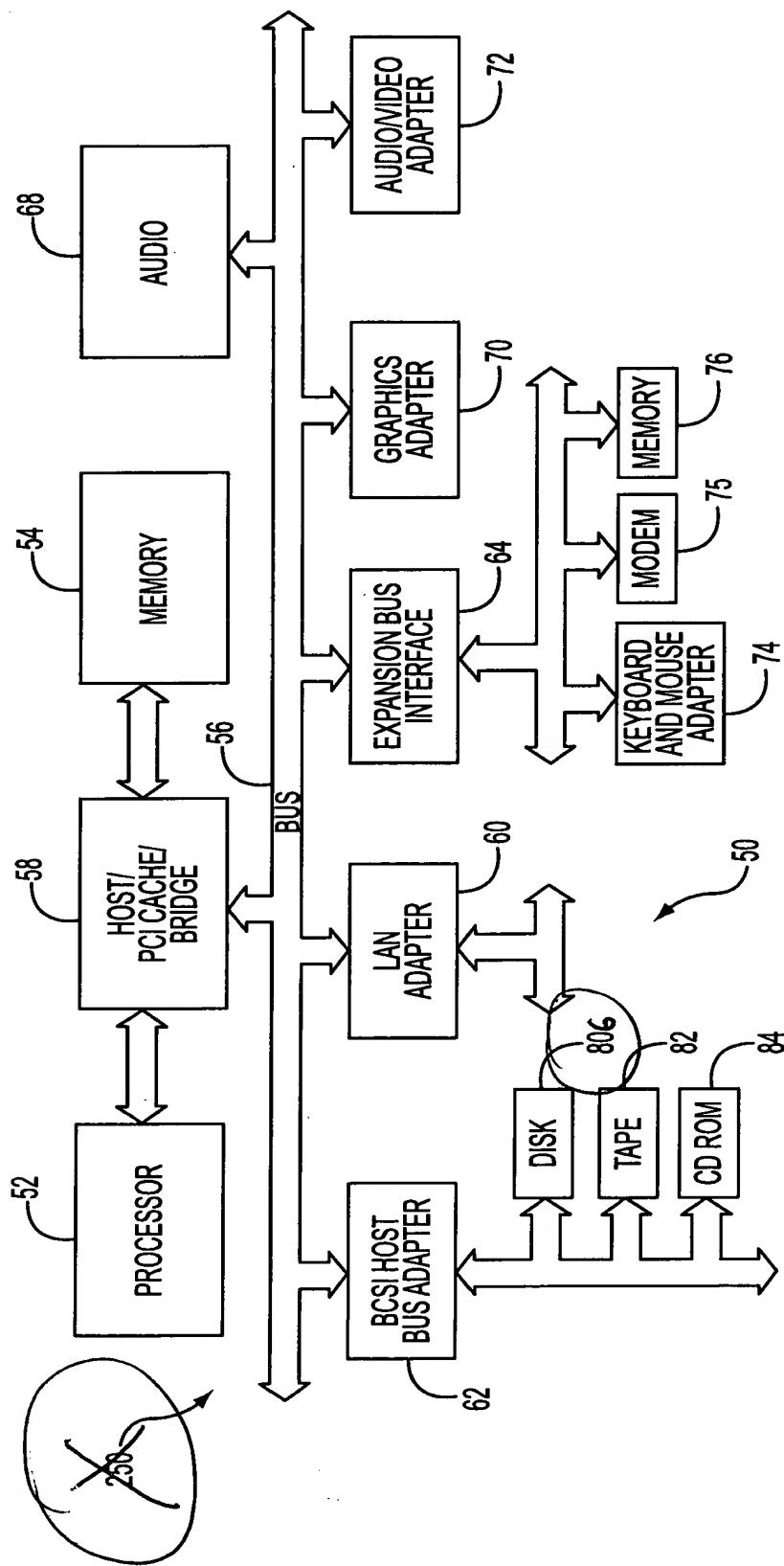


FIG. 1



Appln. No. 09/961,290
Amtd. Dated June 23, 2005
Reply to Office Action of Feb. 23, 2005
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

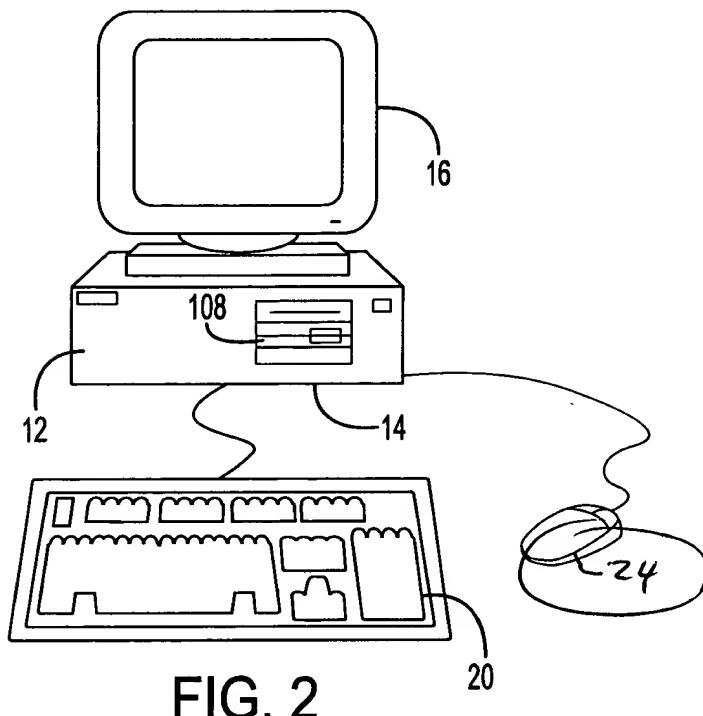


FIG. 2

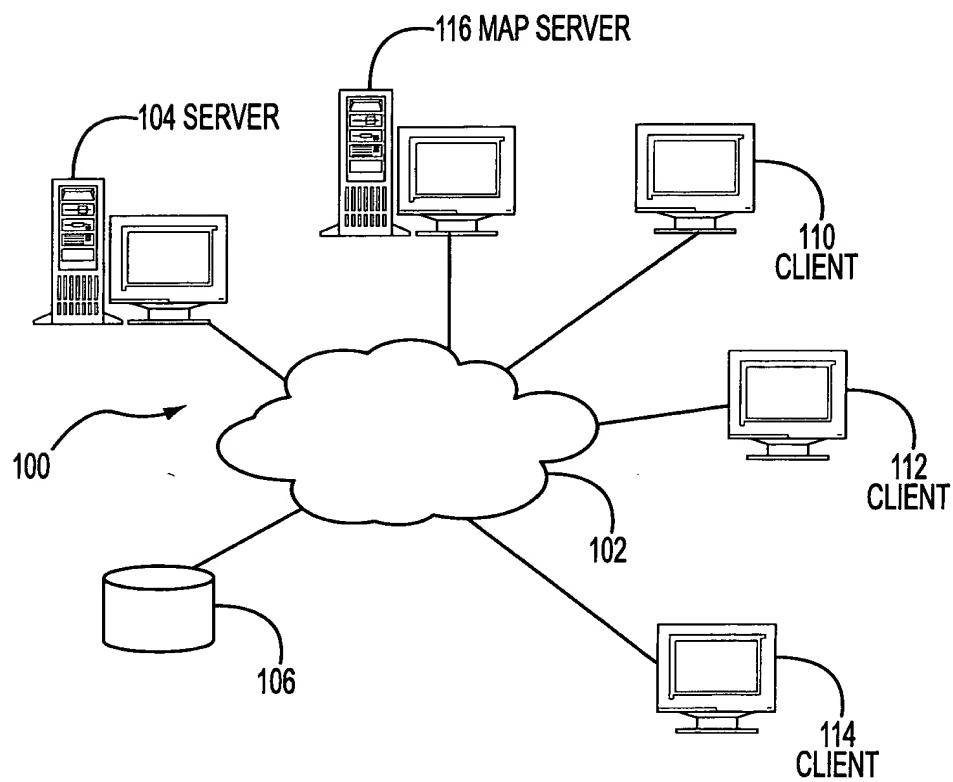


FIG. 3



Appln. No. 09/961,290
Amdt. Dated June 23, 2005
Reply to Office Action of Feb. 23, 2005
Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

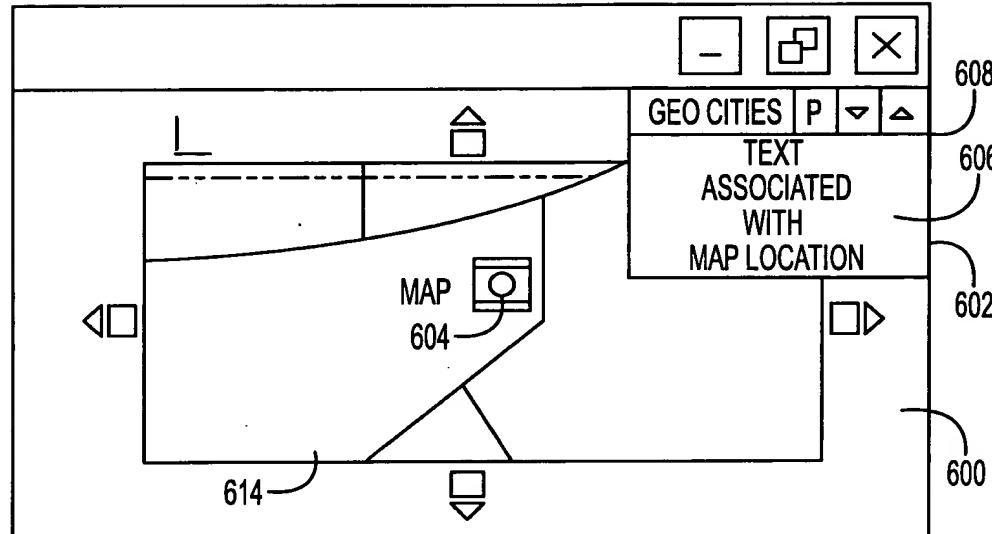


FIG. 5

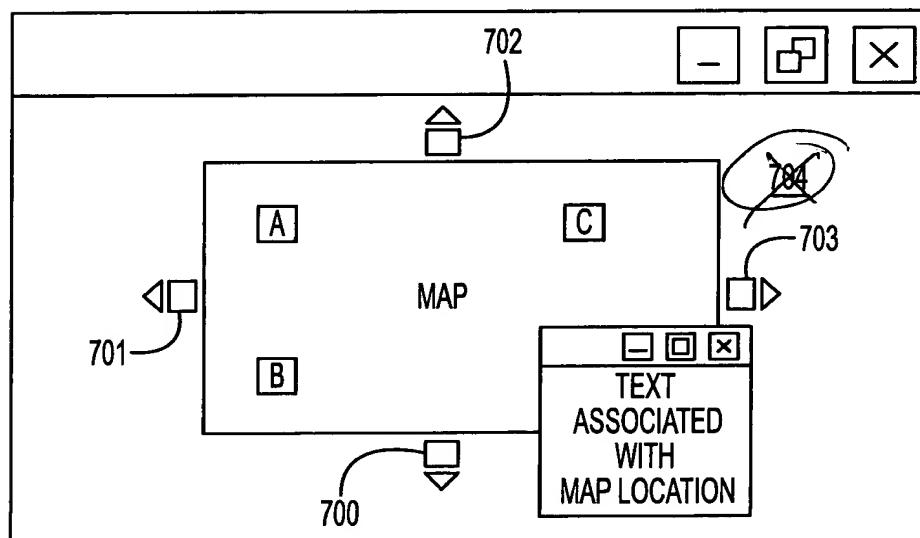


FIG. 6